

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows:

After the title and before the FIELD OF THE INVENTION, please insert the following paragraph:

This application is a continuation of and claims priority to the pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/676,052 entitled, "A METHOD OF DETERMINING TUMOR CHARACTERISTICS BY DETERMINING ABNORMAL COPY NUMBER OR EXPRESSION LEVEL OF LIPID-ASSOCIATED GENES", filed September 28, 2000, the disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference.